

Newsham Parish Council

Meeting Wednesday 24th September 2025

1. Present Cllr. C Brown, Cllr. L Taylor, Cllr. R De'Ath, Cllr. M Markwick, Cllr. M Hall

Apologies None

2. Declaration of interest None

Residents

The Chairman asked residents attending if they wished to raise any matters.

Residents commented on the success of the meeting regarding speeding vehicles.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed by Cllr. LT and Cllr. CB

4. Matters Arising from the previous minutes

School Transport

A small minority of parents have expressed their dissatisfaction with the appeals process. Some residents are using public transport or making their own arrangements to get their children to school.

This matter will now be deleted from the agenda.

Emergency Plan

Cllr. LT will update the present document with a view to adding it to the Parish Council website by mid October

Action by Cllr. LT by mid October

Planning Applications

Smallways Inn - the Secretary of State has rejected the appeal against the local council decision. The Parish Council have received a very thorough report from the Secretary of State. The property is now up for sale.

Financial Statement

The Clerk explained the in house auditing process to new councillors, which is carried out at every council meeting.

The most recent statements for the Current and Reserve Accounts were shared with councillors. Income and expenditure was discussed. The variable interest on the reserve account is reducing to 0.95%

Councillors agreed and approved the accounts.

Community Speed Watch

Cllr. LT informed councillors that the village has been accepted for the community speed watch scheme.

Approximately 6 people have volunteered to be trained to use the speed gun. Training will take place in October.

Cllr. CB thanked Cllr. LT for all good work that she has done.

5. Village Green Track

Cllr. LT has discussed the village track with the councils Conservation Officer and Enforcement Officer

Councillors agreed that remedial work to the track should take place, complying with conservation area rules, until a long term plan can be put in place.

Cllr. MH provided material and labour costs for the work involved. All councillors agreed that the remedial work should take place.

Action by Cllr. MH as soon as possible

Village Hall

The structural survey will be conducted on 31.10.25 by David Bowman LTD at a cost of £840.

New front doors for the hall have been ordered

The quoits pitches will be repaired by AB and HR. There will not be any costs involved.

Any Other Bussiness

The clerk informed councillors about the OFGEM - RTS - radio teleswitch service

Cllr. LT informed councillors of overnight road closure on 21.10.25 - 24.10.25 on Dark Lane

The clerk informed councillors about the next LCA meeting on 13.10.25

In preparation for setting the Parish Council Precept, the clerk asked councillors for their ideas for any projects for the forthcoming year.

Cllr. LT suggested adding to the semicircular bench in the village green and looking at costs for matrix signs as well as exploring fundraising and grants towards the costs of the signs. The clerk asked councillors to bring any further ideas for projects to the next meeting.

Boundary Review

Cllr. LT encouraged residents to view the NYCC website where the boundary reviews can be viewed. Newsham will be grouped with the north of Richmond town.

Dyson Lane

Cllr. LT has informed NY Highways of the damage to the bridge on Dyson Lane which is in poor repair. Photographs of damage to residents land and property has also been sent to Highways.

Poaching

There have been two recent incidents of poaching in the area. Residents should call 999 to report and incidents.

Bulb Planting

The Parish Council will plant bulbs along the village green. It was agreed that tête-à-tête type daffodils should be purchased for planting in October. A budget of approximately £250 was agreed by councillors.

The Village Hall Committee would like to make a contribution to the cost of the bulbs.


Remembrance Sunday

The service will take place at the war memorial on the village green on Sunday 9th November at 2pm. A resident has agreed to play the bugle. Cllr. LT will lead the service. Cllr. RCD will order two poppy wreaths on behalf of the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.55pm

Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be **Wednesday 26th November at 7pm**

Signed  Louise Taylor

Date 20.11.25 26/11/2025